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### HOME NEWS

—Prof. Hill has gone to the inauguration, and Prof. Heasley is in his place.

—Mr. Kyger, father of Nim Kyger, of Oregon, who has been visiting here for a few weeks returned to Kansas last week.

—Our readers can not complain of want of news in our paper as it is now furnished. Every item of the most interesting news in the world during each week, is published in this paper.

—Andy Frazer has returned. "Young Lochinvar has come out of the west," looking as bright and good as ever. He called on the County Paper last Monday.

—The Mound City News gives a very full and interesting historical, descriptive, and statistical account of Holt County, and of Mound City especially, in last week's number.

—A writer from Minnesota Valley informs the M. C. News that many people there are about to follow Uncle Horace's advice, "Go west, young man! Go west!"

—Messrs. Walters and Kennedy, who formerly butchered here, have gone to St. Joseph to carry on the butchering business, having removed with their families to that place.

—We understand that an ingenious citizen of Oregon is engaged on an invention, which if perfected according to his expectations, will create quite a revolution in the building business. Success to him.

—Just about zero Monday morning. The contrast between Saturday and Sunday's weather was remarkable. The mean average of nine hours Saturday was 51 degrees, of Sunday, was about 10 degrees above zero.

—Rye sells at Craig at 65 cents per bushel, wheat at 40 cents. As this region surpasses all others in the production of rye it seems to us that it ought to be more generally attended to in Holt.

—The Craig Gazette assures us of a heavy rainfall next summer because here is such a lot of snow in the mountains. It says observations for 20 years show this to be a fact. We think so too—unless it happens to be a dry season.

—Any correspondent who expects us to publish anything of a personal, unpleasant nature will have his or her trouble of writing for nothing. Not if we know it. No indeed. So save your ink and paper.

—Rev. B. S. Waggoner will preach on the 6th of March at 11 o'clock at the Banks school house, on the 14th, at the Pierce school house at 11 o'clock, on the 20th, at the Chambers school house, at 11 o'clock, on the 27th, at Shilo school house, at 11 o'clock.

—How many Holt county farmers appreciate the enormous advantages to them of a good clover field. What a father of hogs, what a food for cows used as hay, what inexhaustible wealth to the soil if turned under! It is their true National Bank.

—Many a gentleman came into our office last week and subscribed for THE COUNTY PAPER, saying he preferred to pay in wood, to which we readily assented, as wood is now better than cash to us. Within a few days he furnished us a load of splendid wood. How different is that from those who forever promise and never perform.

—It is reported that at last a switch is to be run to Oregon; its terminal point to be at the old factory building. This building could be used as an elevator and some of the many thousands of bushels of grain, that now are hauled to Forest, over the steep hills, be deposited there for shipment. That old factory was built in the time when men built to stay. There is nothing to beat it in all the north west, so far as strength and solidity are concerned.

—Mr. Woodbury of Forest City was exhibiting specimens of brick made out of perfectly dry dirt and transferred directly from the machine to the kiln. It is beyond all doubt the best brick ever furnished. These splendid new blocks at St. Joe were finished out of those same brick. Mr. Woodbury has the machine now ready for use. On our expressing regret that brick houses cannot be built as cheaply as frame, Mr. Woodbury declared he would duplicate any man's frame house with these bricks for the same money and he can prove to any one his assertion. As these pressed bricks do not absorb moisture, who then would hereafter build here a frame house?

—Graham is to get a R. R. The Washash is to extend from Clarinda down the Nodaway River to St. Joseph.

—Mr. Joe Hobbittzell has purchased the property adjoining the tin shop, east side of the Court House Square, and proposes to improve it.

—While hinting of the little energy displayed by one town we may as well just say that, if a switch can, by any possibility, be placed to connect Oregon with the R. R. it ought to be done.

—Mr. Tom Price and family removed this week to Watson where he has gone into business with Ben Frazer of St. Joe. The best wishes of this community go with him.

—There was born on the 22d of February another G. W.—but it happens, to be George Wilson Smith, son of Mr. Webb Smith and Mrs. Carrie Smith, formerly Carrie Kies of Oregon.

—That most charming of all poets and ballad singers James G. Clark was entertaining the people of Maryville and Rockport. Pity we cannot induce him to visit us again.

—Preventive economies are foreign to the American habits. Were it not so, roofing and fences would cost a fourth less than they do, for a very little effort will make them last during very long periods of time.

—Savannah is sort of left out in the cold by the R. R. which having made a new depot, calls it West Savannah and refusing to deliver freight at Savannah depot. It won't do to offend these lords of the rail or any of them.

—Pompeo Blanchard the only child of our esteemed fellow citizen Rev. S. Blanchard, writes from the Black Hills where he has been for several years that he will probably visit his home the coming fall.

—Dr. J. M. Tracy of Mound City delivered the Valedictory at the commencement of the Surgeons College, of St. Joseph, last week. He was chosen Vice President for the coming year. This College has many of the oldest and most prominent Physicians of St. Joseph in it.

—The software of last Thursday relaxed things enough to start people into circulation on our streets considerably. Among others were Judge Emsworth who wants to buy a little land, not having any to speak of. Mr. T. W. Collins looking fat and ruddy, Mr. Paschal of Graham.

—A frightful accident happened on the Washash R. R. this side of Richmond last week, a bridge giving away and letting a train of cars down into a deep ravine. Prof. Proctor the celebrated astronomer was on the train and one of the worst injured, though not severely.

—He is recovering at the Pacific Hotel—St. Joseph.

—Mr. Benson, plasterer and stone mason, got out the foundation rock for the monuments for Miss Roecker and Felix Froelich's graves, at the Oregon Cemetery. The monuments are of the new White Bronze, a most splendid sample of which can be seen on the lot of Mr. B. B. Frazer, Mr. Mora, St. Joseph. They have not yet been received, but are daily expected.

—The Craig Gazette reports very justly upon some local merchants who complain of its recommendations of its St. Joseph patrons and calls attention to the twelve columns of local ads by Mound City merchants in the "News" of that town as contrasted with the column or so of the like by Craig merchants in its issues. Very just to! The Gazette is faithfully conducted. Some of our Oregon merchants might take a hint.

—Some three years ago, when it was first suggested to our City authorities to build a Hall, the town had about twelve hundred dollars. The Hall might have been built then, but luckily some civic genius discovered a deep hole in the South part of town in which to bury the cash. To-day the town has about six hundred dollars idle. May not some Napoleon of affairs find some hole at some other point of the compass wherein to cast the funds? About four hundred and fifty dollars will purchase and put the brick into a Hall room, 35x60; 16 feet high.

—We understand Mr. Ira Peter has purchased the Schade property adjoining King & Prouds Drug Store, with the view of building as early as possible a fine brick block. It is said that King & Prouds will also join in and put up another brick adjoining. We do hope a 15 foot high story will be completed on top for a Hall. Now is the time for the Women's Union to make some arrangements for this. It has plenty of friends to encourage it in any effort of the kind.

—Mr. Neal Hobbittzell removes to Oregon.

Mansel predicts a warm month all over the world between latitude 35 and 45.

—Venner predicts very stormy weather for March, and much snow as far South as Washington.

—From twelve to fifteen important brick buildings are to be erected at Maryville during the summer, and the brick is being engaged.

—The Christian Church of Mound City was dedicated last Sunday week. Prof. Hill preaching the sermon.—Press items.

—Mr. Cave Hunt has removed to Craig where he resumes his position in the bank there. The many warm friends he has made here regret his departure.

—Capt. William Kauter is now Acting Secretary of the East Forest Flouring Mill Company. He has entire charge of the books and business and may be found constantly at the mill.

—The Women's Union have proposed to Leo Miller to come to Oregon and lecture on Temperance. We have letters from those who have heard Miller and they represent him as a grand orator. If he comes we may expect to hear something far above the common.

—It really ought to put people out of patience to see road makers and menders here neglecting to put dams at the lower end of cuts and "washouts." They go on filling up with dirt which dissolves and washes away, whereas by damming, the gullies would fill up without the cost of a dollar.

—"How long has it been since the Mineral Springs picnic?"—Holt County Press.

Easily answered. The Mineral Springs picnic was held just two weeks after that red wagon passed through Oregon, containing those frail females from one of whom it is alleged little Hennes caught his first attack of gonorrhea. The disease had just broken out on him, and, not being in a condition to travel, he was forced to stay at home.

—The Menomone stoves of porcelain, lined with brick, used out in Neb., are highly spoken of. They burn straw or hay instead of wood or coal. The like have been used for ages by the oldest nations of the globe and diffuse an equal and pleasant warmth. Will not some one try one here? They are the stove for the prairie.

—Mr. Dan Kunkel Sr. the inventor of the celebrated Washing machine and of several very ingenious patents, has an exhibition at our office a patented device for coupling cars, without the intervention of a trackman. It is known that the accidents, from coupling cars by hand, are innumerable and the source of continual damage to R. R. companies, from the necessity of having a man stand between the cars when they bump together, in order to couple them. The difficulty in devising a patent comes from the fact that some cars are empty or lightly laden, while others are weighed down several inches by the heavy freight in them, thus causing the device to couple them to pass above and below the point of locking. Kunkel's invention overcomes this by a movable coupling bar, which strikes an incline extending from the opposite car, which incline guides it surely to the point of locking. The model has a couple—about as large as will be necessary for use on the trains and is so simple 'tis singular it has been overlooked. It can be managed from on top of the cars, on either side, on the ground, or underneath. It requires a man to uncouple by moving a lever, but couples itself; and couples each way to the other; that is, in the same way one car is coupled to another, the latter is in turn, attached to the former. It is difficult to tell how the device, that works perfectly in model, will operate when applied to the structure it is designed for. Failure comes often from difference in sizes and weight between models and the structures. We cannot imagine any difficulty as to the working of this, and hope for humanity's sake it may succeed. There are many other advantages in this patent. For instance, if a car jumps the track that moment it is uncoupled; a child can manage it; 'tis so simple that it is ever under control and will not get out of order. It can be used with the old bumpers and cars not using it are readily attached to those using it. "Every imaginable objection is obviated and every convenience realized, and I have put more time and money on it than any thing of the kind I ever tried," says the inventor. "Fifty dollars will put it on several cars and once tried it is bound to win."

—Mr. Miller will preach in Oregon next Sabbath, morning and evening.

—Gentle Annie! Dost thou know the spring time has come?

—Major Kelly and Wells & Son of Forest City are going westward.

—Wm Belfrey died Monday week last.

—There will be services in the M. E. church in Oregon, every evening next week, commencing on Sunday.

—The money taken at the door for Capt. Postgate's lecture was distributed among the poor.

—Read the poem "Down," in our local columns this week. It is one of those rare gems produced once in an age.

—The Women's Union have rented a portion of Mrs. Marklands premises where hereafter they will hold their meetings.

—On Thursday evening, March 10th, Dr. Wayman of St. Joseph will preach in the M. E. church, Oregon. Subject: "The Modern Dance."

—Mr. Hoffman, son of Martin Hoffman, who started a plow factory here over twenty years ago, is visiting friends and relatives on Kinsey Creek.

—Dr. Fiegenbaum has removed, temporarily, to St. Joseph, where, at his fathers house, he may recover from the injuries done to his leg.

—While we had it clear but cold on Sunday and Sunday night they had in Northern Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois the worst snow storm of the winter and the heaviest blockades.

—A poor woman living near the fair ground died last week leaving a two weeks old infant for some one to adopt. There are several infants or young children at the County infirmary for whose homes are needed.

—A communication from Mound City, giving a long and evidently exaggerated account of a recent accident to two young ladies near that place who came near losing their lives by drowning, is omitted at the request of friends of the ladies.

—Bruce Earl was recommended by the Committee to the Governor to be appointed County Judge vice McCoy resigned. Mr. Earl having served formerly with very great satisfaction we believe this nomination is a most fitting one.

—On Tuesday night the roar of waters from all the streams East and South of town was sublimely loud and distinct. The vast accumulation of snow and ice had rapidly sunk and dissolved during the day, filling the streams.

—Rev. Mr. Showalter will preach next Sabbath at Richville at 11 A. M., and at Forbes at night. These will be his last appointments there for this year, and he wishes the entire membership to be present, as there will be some talk in regard to the circuit. He also desires them to be prompt with their benevolent gifts.

—Mr. James Howell has returned from Colorado. He proposes to get up a colony here to go back with him. The object is to settle a region of lakes and timber in Colorado, enter the lands and go to getting out lumber. He represents the trees at the proposed point as capable of being made into the best lumber.

—On Thursday afternoon of last week, for the first time since last October the air had that soft, balmy influence that hints of Spring, flowers and the songs of birds. For the first time since last fall the bees were out finding no honey but the sweet lips of the girls whence to extract honey.

—The American Book Exchange is now being removed from the Tribune Building to 764 Broadway, New York; and, as their business is necessarily in temporary confusion, it is probable that the books recently ordered by W. W. Davenport for various persons in this county will not be received as soon as anticipated. Due notice will be given of their arrival.

—Nothing is so much needed in this Country as cheaper bricks. The man who invents them will be a friend indeed. The fact is that our light, combustible, blow awayable, freezing to death pine structures cost much more ultimately, than brick at present prices. Some years ago brick was put into the wall at St. Joseph for \$5.50. If we all used bricks they would get much cheaper. Insurance on a frame costs much more, fuel costs more, repairs, more, and they perish in one tenth the time.

—The high waters have rolled down the hills and there being no drainage, (the stream beds being full of brush, dirt, etc.) the whole lower bottoms are overflowed. This has brought to light and the face of day vast numbers of people of whose existence there was no

knowledge before, together with queer animals wild and tame. Forbes is full. Forbes is a sight to behold. Its rows of dismantled, tumbled down houses and sheds are populous. Every cave, hollow stump is used. Children are so thick you can stir them with a stick. Our photographer ought to take a view, says our informant.

—Regular old fashioned Cholera has appeared this winter at Chicago. A case exactly like it has appeared in this county. Dr. Ashworth of Newport gives us all the particulars—we will publish next week.

**Upper Kinsey Creek.**

EDITOR COUNTY PAPER:—Though we have had several warm days yet the lanes are still full of snow, so they are impassable.

Geo. H. Thomas has been very sick with Pneumonia Fever, but is getting better now.

The sawyer at Bowers's Saw Mill has left for parts unknown, or rather for Forbes, which is the same. Guess "saw dust" will have to saw now, as Uncle John Bowers is so fat that he can't get over the icy roads to his mill.

The last snow storm was the worst ever known here, and afforded the rabbit hunters an opportunity to show their skill.

The Finn boys were the champion rabbit slayers for a while, when they were passed by our School Teacher. Every day at noon one could see Billy with his little army of scholars charging on a brush thicket which was supposed to contain one or more rabbits. He stationed pickets around the brush with clubs; then sent his skirmish line in, while, with a reserve force, would watch and if any were fortunate enough to dodge the pickets they were promptly dispatched by the Col. and his force. Ten were the most they killed in one day and one was the least number, which they slaughtered.

**LOOK OUT.**

**Mound City.**

Mr. Dawson is improving rapidly and will soon be able to attend to his mill again.

Mr. William Hall's horse fell with him in the eastern part of town last week and crippled him in the foot and ankle.

Uncle Thomas Everetts died very suddenly last week. He was up and ate breakfast and dinner. Soon after eating dinner, he lay down upon the bed, and expired in a few minutes, and almost before the family were aware of his sudden taking worse.

Several of our citizens have been visiting Craig during the past week to attend the series of meetings now in progress there.

The Martha Washington Sociable at the Presbyterian Church last Tuesday night was multitudinously attended, and was highly enjoyed.

Friday evening there was a sociable at Mrs. Clark's about a mile out of town which many of our young people attended.

G. M. Carter our sewing machine man, is out again.

Tuesday there was a sale of two wagons, teams and harness in town under chattel mortgage. One team brought \$230.

Saturday the constable, under order from the justice, sold the goods attached in the cases against John P. Hoover. The sale amounted to \$262.

We have learned that Mr. Chambers was robbed one night last week of \$25. or \$30. The thief came into his house at night and took the money from the room in which Mr. C. was sleeping. There have been a number of tramps in town for a few days, and we would advise that locks and keys be brought into more general use during their sojourning amongst us.

Mr. Knowls has been on a trade with D. M. Blevins for some time, trying to sell his house and lots.

Corsant & Meyer, we understand have bought a lot and intend to build a brick business house 40x80, two stories, with hall over the whole building. One room is intended for the Holt County Bank another for their mammoth store. They may need a hall and hope they may furnish one.

Mr. Norman and Ira Peter were in town several days last week, and it is thought from their movements that they contemplate building and going into business here, next spring and summer.

The next meeting of the Temperance Alliance will be held at the M. E. Church, March 7, 1881. The program is, Address by A. H. Jamison; Essay by Dr. Ross, Chas. Rayhill, Miss Shofor; Reading by Misses Meyer and Phillips; declamations, music &c. All are requested to attend and take part as a matter of entertainment.

**Has Impudence Any Limit?**

I observe in the last issue of THE COUNTY PAPER the announcement of John Anderson as a candidate for reelection to the office of School Commissioner of Holt county. This causes me to ask the question which heads this article.

Persons who have been regular readers of this paper for the past two years will remember that about eighteen months ago this same John Anderson was proven beyond all question to be guilty of willful and deliberate falsehood and attempting to palm on the public as genuine a forged letter. The exposure which followed was so overwhelming and humiliating that a man of ordinary sensibilities would not have had the cheek to afterwards face his acquaintances and would have sought to hide his shame by going where his disgrace was unknown. Yet, with unparalleled impudence, we find him now offering himself for reelection to an office he has degraded and dishonored. His effrontery is monumental.

What will be the response of the people? Is it possible that any considerable number of them will approve his transgressions by voting for him? Can it be that the moral sentiment of the community is such that falsehood and deception are not considered as delinquencies to be condemned? To elect such a man to an honorable position, under the circumstances, would be a disgrace to the county.

**Fleasant Hill.**

Health good.

Arthur Russell has lost something like fifty head of hogs by cholera and his hogs are still dying.

Robert Patterson lost four head of his best hogs by the snow drift.

Farmers generally have been very fortunate not to have lost any more stock by the snow storms.

We were present at the last day of E. Brodbeck's school, and must say although young in years has one of as old heads as any teacher that has ever taught here. He has given good satisfaction and is one amongst the favorite teachers of the county. Visitors present on the last day, John Stephenson, President of the Board of Directors, Misses Abbie Russell, Kate Pierce, Treasa Stephenson, Mr. John Ramsey and our humble servant.

We heard the compulsory school law argued at the Highland literary last Friday evening; the speakers were, N. F. Murray, Pres. Langham, Miss Lizzie Honnen, affirmative. Messrs. Polk, an Lacy and Miss Josie Norval, negative.

Quite a number of the young folks thought they would surprise our esteemed friend Robert Patterson at his paternal residence on the evening of the 26th and have a good time; and soon they were joyfully on their way. After participating a short time in plays, the genial host announced refreshments. At an early hour the happy groups were preparing for their homes. Miss Abbie Meyer and Will Hoffman presided at the organ. Among those present we noticed Misses Dora Brown, Annie Short, Nellie Jones, Sizzie Honnen, Fannie Myers, May Ramsey, Lidda Ramsey, Emma Hulatt, Lena Laughlin, Edna Laughlin, Rutha Laughlin, Mattie Morris, Jane Carroll and Annie Patterson; Messrs. John Blum, D and P Myers, W and L Hoffman, Jacob Frye of Colorado, Lum and Charley Patterson, James Pointer, Giles Laughlin, Harlan Laughlin, John and James Hulatt, Henry Honnen, Geo Warner, Rola Ramsey, James, Bailey and Robert Patterson.

**Maine News.**

Hop Bitters, which are advertised in our columns, are a sure cure for ague, biliousness and kidney complaints. Those who use them say they cannot be too highly recommended. Those afflicted should give them a fair trial, and will become thereby enthusiastic in the praise of their curative qualities.

Spring Stock of Hats and Caps, new, stylish and cheap. Amos Castle, north side of public square, Oregon, Mo.

Groceries exchanged for all kinds of produce at W. E. Minton's Forest City.

**In Building**

your home, have good L. line, Hair, cement, Doors, Lumber, Lath, etc. L. Zook & Co., Forest City, Mo., are selling these articles at way low down prices.

For Cash you can get your best pork very low. Best Cuts 8-1-7 W. O. Ne

W. F. Minton, Forest City, Mo., groceries cheap for cash.

**New Point.**

Frank Kunkle is moving back on the Botkin farm this week.

Wonder who is going to move into the large white house? Maybe Joe is going to get married. Boys, leave those bells on the cows.

Robert Hester has not started for Texas, but has had his wagon loaded for several days.

Mr. Meister, one of our merchants, is thinking of moving his tin shop to Matt land in the spring.

Jasper Newland, of Atchison county, is visiting friends and relatives, and is the guest of Martin Nowland.

We are getting up petitions in both Holt and Andrew counties for a bridge across the Nodaway river somewhere north east of New Point. We expect a bridge this time somewhere, and should have one at the point known as the De-bolt ford; as that is a center point between the Graham and the Hollister bridges. This would do away with the expense of grading up a long and wet bottom. There are also laid out roads right up to this point.

**Bigelow.**

Skating rinks are common in and around Bigelow; the school boys and girls are having lots of fun; skating is a fine sport but dangerous to the extreme.

On Thursday of last week a train ran over a hog near the depot—both went off the track; the train was put back; the hog wasn't worth putting back.

On Monday Cad McKoy shipped from here for Chicago, two car loads, 31 head, of cattle at \$4.50, and one of hogs, 57 head,—this stock was bought of J. L. Chumling, average weight of cattle fifteen hundred and forty eight pounds; of hogs two hundred and seventy eight. On the same day Ashbrook shipped four cars of hogs.

Dr. Cottingham and Wm. Meyer of Adair county, Mo., visited Dr. Minton one day last week. These gentlemen were looking for a location, one as a physician, the other as a druggist. Dr. Cottingham graduated in the Profession with Dr. Minton, in St. Louis.

Miss Mary Twyman, daughter of Dr. Twyman of this place, left here on last Wednesday, for Kansas City, where she intends going to school.

The Bigelow school, term six months, closes on Friday, March 4th.

Bigelow is to have a grand musical (vocal) entertainment on the 11th, given by Prof. James G. Clark, the great ballad singer.

One thermometer knocked below zero, several window-lights broken, two or three noses smashed in, several eye blacked, many "cuss" words used, a few some of the results of snow-balls within the past few days.

**Triumph.**

Everybody in the neighborhood quiet. Mr. Massie's team ran off one day and threw Mr. M. out but no harm were broken.

Miss Emma Patterson of a lower Holt is visiting relatives in this neighborhood.

It was a mistake about Mr. Payne buying the Pugnator farm. Mr. W. J. Schatzel of Triumph last Friday school is an excellent teacher, and has done his work well.

Mr. and Mrs. M. friends in Mound City. Delbert is visiting in City. Again is improving in health.

Mr. E. Davis has rented his farm.

**We have a speedy**

Cure for Catarrh, Diphtheria, Croup, Whooping Cough, Sore Throat, and all the ailments of the throat and lungs. A. A. C. Catarrh Remedy, a nasal spray, with each bottle, U. S. Patent, a health and sweet breath. Sold by T. F. Hinde, Oregon, Mo.

**King Grove.**

Feb. 28th, by Dr. v. Downey, A. H. Stanbaugh to Miss Ada, all of Holt county. A trust that we will have no more able about getting or county paid the same week they are printed, as have got the route, changed so that we will get our quills from Maitland instead of Craig.

Prof. Campbell will close a four months term of school at Harmony next Saturday; and we venture the assertion that there is not a teacher in Holt county that has had less encouragement and more pulling again at the stream than he has.

**Improvements**

Seem to be talked of by many. Remember that material well thought is labor saved. L. P. Zook & Co., Forest City, Mo., will sell you your Lumber, Lath, Shingles, Doors, etc., at bottom rock figures.